

Running Cities: London in Context

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London has many successes to boast of ...

Including recent recognition as:

- the most important global financial centre
- the world leader in tackling climate change
- the most culturally dynamic capital, with exemplar community relations

Winning the bid to host the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games

..which mask a number of underlying economic challenges

**An over-reliance on the financial services
sector**

**Domestic skills shortages, filled by a
highly-mobile migrant workforce**

An over-stretched public infrastructure


**Low quality of life ratings amongst
Londoners**

London's economy comes into the slow down from a strong position

Public transport journeys are up 1.4%

Retail footfall is down 1.4% in the West End compared to 10.6% nationally

Annual Output in Q1 2008 grew at 3.4% above the UK



**The Mayor's priorities to
address these challenges
include..**

Improving London's transport infrastructure

Priorities include:

- Building Crossrail
- East London Line extension
- Upgrading the Tube network

Driving forward with new housing infrastructure

Launching the consultation on the Mayor's Housing Strategy in November 2008

Working with partners, including the HCA and boroughs to stimulate London's housing market

Investing to build the skills base within the domestic workforce

Implementing the London Skills and Employment Strategy

Leveraging the employment provided by public infrastructure projects

Providing youth opportunity through the Mayor's Youth Crime Prevention Strategy

Delivering 10 new City Academies in London

Reducing crime and the fear of crime

Priorities include:

Tackling violent youth crime

Setting priorities to reduce the fear of crime

Enhanced police accountability

Tackling climate change

Climate Change Adaptation Strategy

Climate Change Mitigation Strategy

A renewed commitment to reduce emissions by 60% by 2025

Improving the quality of life within the capital

**Improving the housing and transport
infrastructure, including for cyclist and
motorists**

Greening the city

Improving London's public realm

Putting in place a supportive planning framework

Reviewing the London Plan

Reviewing the London Views Management
Framework

Launching the Outer London Commission